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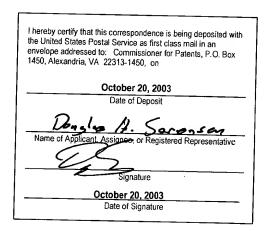
Application No.: 09/843,661 Applicant(s): Jun ISHIHARA, Kohtaro HAYASHI and Yuichiro ORI For: LIGHT SEPARATION DEVICE, BLAZED GRATING DEVICE, DIFFRACTION GRATING DEVICE, AND ILLUMINATION OPTICAL **SYSTEM** TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800 Confirmation No.: 9666 Customer No.: 24367 Docket No.: 15162/03540 Filed: April 26, 2001 Group Art Unit: 2871 Examiner: Zhi Qiang Qi

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:



<u>AMENDMENT</u>

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003, which provides for a response period ending September 20, 2003.



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TITLE: LIGHT SEPARATION DEVICE, BLAZED GRANDE TO DEVICE, DIFFRACTION GRATING DEVICE, AND ILLUMINATION **OPTICAL SYSTEM**

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Application No.: 09/843,661 Amendment dated October 20, 2003 Reply to Office Action of June 20, 2003

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated June 20, 2003, for one additional months to October 20, 2003, is being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: